(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted about these incidents;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) the number of officials and others responsible for the riots;

(e) the number of arrests made in that regard;

(f) whether these communal riots were flared up due to statement made by some leaders to the effect that U. N. force should be called in India; and

(g) if so, the action taken against those persons for making such statements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Incidents of serious communal violence did take place in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh during October, November and December, 1990. However, the communal violence at Gonda had taken place from 30th September to 4th October, 1990.

(b) and (c) The communal situation in the country in the recent past has been subjected to certain tensions because of Ram Janma Bhoomi Babri Masjid controversy. Riots, however, are essentially the handiwork of anti-social and anti-national elements.

(d) and (e) In all 6945 persons were arrested in connection with these riots. Action against the guilty persons is being taken as per the provisions of the law.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise

Implication of Caste based reservation

1457. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government have taken note of the fact that Prime Minister has rejected only caste based reservation of jobs; and

(b) if so, what are the implications of this new policy announced by the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) The order issued by the Govt. of India on 13-8-1990 providing for 27 per cent of vacancies in the civil services and posts of the Central Govt., Central Public Sector Undertakings and Central financial institutions in favour of Socially and Educationally Backward Classes has been challenged in several writ petitions which are now being heard by a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court. The Court has, *inter alia*, directed the pending the hearing of the case, no steps for implementation of the Government order of 13-8-1990 excepting the identification of castes to be benefited shall be taken The Government is therefore, awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court in this regard as the matter is subjudice

Akali Dal (Badal) General Secretary's statement

1458 SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Akali Dal (Badal) General Secretary, Shri Wadala, has declared that Punjab is not a part of India; if so, what is Government's response thereto;

(b) the measures proposed and undertaken to counter the sessessionist activities in Punjab; and

(c) whether Prime Minister has visited Punjab recently; if so, what attempts were made by him to solve the Punjab problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Punjab on 4-12-1990 while ad-